GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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GAUGE CONVERSION OF ANKOLA- HUBLI SECTION
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the gauge conversion work of Ankola-Hubli section is pending for the last several years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to expedite this project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (DR. R. VELU)

(a) to (c): The work of new line from Hubli to Ankola was taken up in the Budget 1997-98 and land acquisition, earthwork and bridge works have been taken up on Hubli-Kirvatti section. The Central Empowered Committee (CEC), constituted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court is hearing a Public Interest Litigation case regarding transfer of Forest Land for this project. As per CEC directions, work on the project has been stopped. Further action on this project would be taken only after the decision of CEC is received in totality for which matter is regularly being pursued.